

DUNDY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND DEVELOPMENT

March 6, 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The meeting was held in the Community Building located at 908 Huron Street, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Rita Jones, Linda Melchert, Judy Owens, Linda Jones, Kathy Pursley, Ron Pursley, Gary Clark, Joya Neville, Harlan Cansler, Bob Prangley, Joyce Blair, and Jerry Preston.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Rita Jones. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed; motion to approve was made by Bob Prangley and seconded by Linda Jones motion carried.
2. Treasurer report – Gary Clark submitted a copy for all to review. A generous donation from BWTELCOM was discussed; a thank you was signed to recognize their contribution. Motion to approve the report was made by Judy Owens and seconded by Joya Neville motion carried.
3. Special Guest – Kim Cook, Nebraska Extension Service gave a power point presentation. The following programs were showcased
 - a. Edge Program
 - b. Bit Mobile
 - i. eBusiness
 - ii. eKnowledge
 - iii. Podcasting
 - c. Leadership Plenty (LP) – 6 month program with one day a month group study from 9 to 5. Chamber supports establishing this program with Kim's assistance. Judy Owens, Ben Blecha and Nicole Sis will work with Kim to see if this is a viable program in Dundy County. A minimum of 15 participates are needed to establish the program; a \$100 registration is required of each participant.
 - d. ESI – Entrepreneurship Investigation
4. Old Business –
 - A. Benkelman Beautification/Community Improvement 2008 Projects
Gary Clark – Chairperson
 1. Weed Free Zones
 2. Spring Fling – 3-22-08 @ 9am
 3. School Corridor – April
 4. American Legion – new doors on the south; install curb and gutter
 5. Fair Grounds – Boats , Chamber responsibility
 6. Street sign poles – football boys will paint
 7. Main street tree rings – will be put in place this spring

8. Wood Shed at the end of main street – paint and install curb
9. Library parking lot – install awning
10. Highway 34 mowing – Dave Bradney will assist
11. Weather rock
12. Paint Partners
13. Boy scouts – we will work with them to coordinate projects for Eagle Scout badge.
14. American Flag Project
15. Stratton Historical Marker – goodwill gesture from the Chamber we will repaint there sign.
16. Haigler South School 67 – continue to support their project.

Grant money has been applied for on many of these projects once funding is received from donations and grants the projects will move forward.

A motion was made by Jerry Preston and seconded by Bob Prangley to allow Gary to make purchases up to \$500 to further these goals with a review of said purchases at the following Chamber meeting; motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Clark and seconded by Joyce Blair to donate \$100 to Haigler South School 67 project to enhance their project.

5. New Business

A. A motion was made by Bob Prangley and seconded by Harlan Cansler for the Chamber to help organize/sponsor a scholarship for the Leadership Plenty Program; motion carried.

B. A Chamber mixer was discussed, a musical duo named Tex and Mary Shutes from Texas has contacted the Chamber through Joya Neville. They have offered to perform here May 31st taking for payment what ever comes in at the door. Joya offered to gather additional information to consider setting up this musical program. The Chamber supports bringing musical events to the community and looks forward to these types of programs.

C. The next South Platte United Chamber of Commerce (SPUCC) meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2008 anyone interested in going should contact Rita Jones.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

/s/ Linda Melchert, Secretary